Drinking water for Jharkhand

986. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of villages in Gumla, Simdega, Lohardega and Palamu districts of Jharkhand, not having clean drinking water supply throughout the year and where population is around 250 block-wise and Panchayat wise:

(b) by when all the villages and hamlets consisting of 250 people of these tribal areas be given assured clean drinking water throughout the year; and

(c) the financial allocations released, village-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) and (b) Rural Drinking Water is a State subject. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts of the States in providing drinking water facilities in the rural areas by rendering financial assistance and technical support through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The following nomrs are being adopted under ARWSP for providing drinking water to rural population in the habitations:

- 40 litres per capita per day (lpcd) of safe drinking water.
- One hand-pump or stand post for every 250 persons.
- The water source should exist within 1.6 km in the plains and wihtin 100 mtrs. elevation in the hilly areas.

As per the monthly progress reports received from Government of Jharkhand, all the habitations in the State have been made fully covered with drinking water supply as per the above norms as on 1.4.2006. However, the coverage status is a dynamic one and a habitation once fully covered may slip back to partially covered/not covered Status due to increase in pupulation, sources going dry, systems outlived their utility, etc. Under Bharat Nirman, a plan to build rural infrastructure during the four year period (2005-06 to 2008-09), the plan of Action is to address the problem of coverage, slippage, and water quality.

(c) The financial allocation made to Government of Jharkhand during 2006-07 under ARWSP (Normal) is Rs. 64.74 crores; and the 1st instalment of Rs. 32.37 crores has been released. The State Government is competent to plan, sanction, implement and execute rural water supply projects from the funds provided under ARWSP. The details of village wise funds allocated/released for the purpose is not maintained at the Central level.

Augmenting the supply of drinking water

987. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have augmented the supply of drinking water in some towns and villages, as per the requirement;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to provide adequate drinking water to each town and village in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) Drinking Water is a State subject. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts of the States in providing drinking water facilities by rendering financial assistance through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) for rural areas by Ministry of Rural Development and to some extent to small towns through Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) by Ministry of Urban Development AUWSP has now been subsumed with new scheme namely Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns having pupulation upto 1 million as per 2001 census.

(b) Under ARWSP norms, the rural habitations which have been covered during 2005-06, State-wise, is given in Statement-I (*See* below). However, the coverage status is dynamic one and a habitation once made fully covered may slip back to partially covered/not covered status due to increase in population, sources going dry, systems outlived their utility etc.

For towns, under AUWSP technical approval for drinking water supply projects for 1244 towns has been accorded till 31.3.2005 as per State-wise details in the Statement-II (*See* below).